TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1811 - SB 2235

February 10, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Department of Corrections (DOC) to notify victims through the state's electronic victim notification system when an offender is scheduled to be before the Board of Parole.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFCANT

Assumptions:

- The Victims' Bill of Rights, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 38, Part 1, declares that victims and witnesses shall have certain rights in this state, and that they will be made aware of these rights.
- Among one of these rights, is the right to be notified by the DOC of an offender's parole hearing date and when that offender will be eligible for parole.
- The proposed legislation provides for those victims or their victim representative to be notified by electronic means provided that the victim or the victim's representative has registered with the state's electronic notification service.
- The proposed legislation also allows for cancellation of this notification service electronically.
- The DOC confirms that the proposed legislation will not significantly impact their operations and any impact with regard to the notification process can be accommodated within their existing resources.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference confirm that the legislation will not significantly impact their operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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